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Gilliam Takes Home ANG Chaplain Assistant Title

*By Tech Sgt. Eric Ritter
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He's been a blessing to the Nevada Air National Guard and an answer to the prayers of the National Guard Bureau. 152nd Airlift Wing Chaplain's Assistant, Tech Sgt. Shay Gilliam, has just been awarded the coveted title of Air National Guard Chaplain's Assistance of the year for 2012. Gilliam beat out competition from every other unit in all of the states and territories in the Air National Guard.

"It was a complete shock to me," Gilliam said. "I didn't even know I was nominated until I stated getting congratulations from the command here and from

National Guard Bureau."

It was no shock to his commander, 152nd AW Chaplain, Lt. Col. Tim Gregory. "He is just a superior performer in everything he does," Gregory said. "It was only natural to nominate him, because he is just one of those individuals who embraces the lives of those around him and always makes such a positive impact them. I was overjoyed to hear he won, because it was so well deserved after all he's done for the Chaplain's Corps here and everywhere goes."

To many in the Nevada National Guard, they may know Gilliam as the familiar face who always directs the Strong Bonds marriage and single's retreats for those in the organization. The Strong Bonds program in Nevada has become a model of



success in spiritual well-being throughout the National Guard.

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152nd Hosts Panel to Help Against Human Trafficking



The Nevada Air National Guard helped host a group of visitors from Kazakhstan April 12th to meet with representatives from the Attorney General's Office, the Reno Police Department, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Nevada National Guard as well as local nonprofit organizations at the Nevada Air National Guard base in Reno today. The purpose of the meeting was to begin a dialogue between the Kazakh delegates and local organizations and agencies and learn about Nevada's steps in combatting trafficking of people (TIP) (Photos by Tech Sgt. Eric Ritter, 152nd Public Affairs).

Commander's Corner

*By Col. Jeffrey Burkett
152nd AW Commander*

Last month, AMC/IG sent us a letter with the news that our readiness inspection in June was cancelled. For some of you, this came as a welcome relief. However, for others, it was a letdown because of all the hard work you put into preparing for an Outstanding. Regardless of where you stand, the fact that AMC "determined that the 152 AW is ready to perform the global mobility mission" speaks volumes about the High Roller's impressive record of operational achievement, leadership and professionalism. Our challenge moving forward is to preserve and build on our hard work and continue to ensure everyone and

everything in the Wing is "Battle Ready" for the next contingency here at home and abroad.

To do this successfully, it is imperative to conceptually understand how inspections of the future will be accomplished and why. The new AF inspection system is driven by the Air Force Chief of Staff's top two priorities--improve mission readiness and strengthening the team. The vision is for commanders to inspect their units' ability to execute the mission, manage resources, lead people and improve performance. The goal is to change the focus so readiness is a natural consequence of Commanders concentrating on daily mission readiness rather than preparing for a big inspection every four years. The #1 problem with the current system is the wasted time spent preparing for an inspection rather than training for our core mission and improving day-to-day processes and teamwork.

Additionally, the current inspection system only measures compliance and readiness at a given point in time and does not assess the other aspects of executing the mission such as discipline, airmen development and day-to-day risk management. Under the new system or Unit Effectiveness Inspection (UEI), a Wing will be continually assessed and validated locally by the



command chain, IG and unit reps. Management Internal Control Toolset (MICT), our web based self-assessment checklist, will be the foundation for our own accountability and will be virtually assessed by the Air Force.

Fortunately, we are blessed to have top-notch NCOs and officers throughout the Wing who ensure we not only meet AF standards, but exceed them. Now that our ORI is cancelled, we need to act decisively and focus on our core skills, training and processes, so we can take the ENTIRE wing to a higher level of readiness and keep it there. Battle Born!

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2013 NVANG Family Day

The Nevada Air National Guard is planning a Family Day on June 22 from 11am-3:30pm as a way of showing families of our Airmen a "thank you" for their continued support. Scheduled items and events will include:

~ Refreshments
~ Food Trucks
~ Live Music
~ Car Show
~ Bounce Houses
~ Climbing Rock Wall

Much more is being planned, so stay tuned for further details.

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IG Corner

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What is Air Force Fraud, Waste and Abuse?

Though not all-inclusive, examples of FWA include bribery and acceptance of gratuities; travel (TDY) fraud; theft and abuse of government property; making false statements; falsifying records; submitting false claims or using false weights and

measures; conflicts of interest; and extravagant expenditure of Air Force funds.

What is the Air Force policy on FWA?

It is every individual's responsibility to prevent, detect and correct instances of FWA. Any individual aware of FWA or lack of controls that could permit resources to be wasted or diverted must report the situation through appropriate channels (AFI 90-301). Keep in mind there are some practices and procedures where money is expended because of regulatory guidelines or Technical Order specifications.

Who can file a FWA complaint?

Military personnel, DoD civilians, defense contractor employees, as well as private citizens. Anyone may choose to remain anonymous; however, they will not be contacted regarding the complaint resolution outcome.

Who should someone contact to report FWA?

To report suspected FWA or if you have any questions, contact the local IG office within 60 days of the occurrence at 775-788-9353 or DoD FWA Hotline at 1-800-424-9098.

Chaplain's Corner

Lt. Col. Tim Gregory
152nd AW Chaplain

Growing up in a military family, we made numerous PCS's common to Air Force personnel in the 1950s and 60s. I was fortunate among my siblings in that my father made his last PCS just prior to my entry into elementary school, and I was able to attend school through my college years in one city.

Yet, I vividly remember my last day of elementary school as I began pedaling my bike; I paused and turned toward the school realizing that I was making a transition from something familiar to a fresh beginning in junior high school. I was excited and sorrowful simultaneously.

As many of you know, I have recently been selected for a new traditional Guard position with AMC. I can state that after 24 years with the Nevada Air National Guard, I am excited and sorrowful simultaneously about my new opportunity. Leaving the familiar and venturing out to something new is a part of our military heritage, and I am convinced that allowing people to expand their horizons is a vital part of Guard life.

One of the critical pieces for me in exploring this new beginning was making sure that the 152 Airlift Wing had a Chaplain Corps that was dedicated to serving members and had leaders that understood the dynamics of military family life in this era of AEFs and contingency operations. Chaplain Mike Engfer and the staff of chaplain assistants, Master Sgt. John Mitchell, Tech Sgt. Shay Gilliam, and Staff Sgt. Becky Higgins, meet these criteria. Ch Engfer will serve as the interim Wing

Chaplain until an individual is officially appointed in that position. Chaplain Engfer is an outstanding chaplain who has been recognized at various levels at NGB and he brings a compassion for people and a love for God to the table.

I will remain in the area and eventually will be attached to state headquarters. It was important for me to be able to remain connected to the NVANG and serve at another level in the NGB system. I will continue to serve the NVANG but will be commuting to and from Scott AFB, Illinois as a traditional. You'll see me off and on throughout the months.

With all that being said, I encourage you to give your support to Chaplain Engfer and the chapel staff. They each have a servant spirit and you will find them caring individuals.

Finally, in May, the chapel staff is hosting another set of marriage and singles conferences. Chaplain Engfer will be leading a conference in southern Nevada at Lake Las Vegas. Tech Sgt. Gilliam will be leading a single's conference at Lake Tahoe, and I will lead a marriage conference at Lake Tahoe also. Dates are 3-5. You may register by emailing us.

It has been a wonderful blessing serving the 152d as the Wing Chaplain for the past two decades. I can't describe the joy I've experienced being your chaplain. For both Ch Engfer and me, we look forward to the new beginnings that God has placed before us.

Blessings,

Ch Tim Gregory

Protestant Worship: Sun UTA at 7:30am in the base chapel.

Strong Bonds Marriage and Single's Retreat Lake Tahoe

3-5 May

Contact
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Strong Bonds Building Ready Families

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE CHAPLAIN CORPS

AIR NATIONAL GUARD

LAUGH YOUR WAY To a Better Marriage

P.I.C.K. A PARTNER. PRIMAVERA INTERPERSONAL CHOICES & KNOWLEDGE

Airman and Family Readiness

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Airman and Family Readiness*

Enhanced Eligibility for Health Care Benefits:

Veterans who served in a theater of combat operations after November 11, 1998 are eligible for an extended period of eligibility for health care for 5 years post discharge.

Under the "Combat Veteran" authority, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) provides health care services and community living care for conditions possibly related to military service and enrollment in Priority Group 6, unless eligible for enrollment in a higher priority group to:

Combat Veterans who were discharged or released from active service on or after January 28, 2003, are eligible to enroll in the VA health care system for 5 years from the date of discharge or release.

Who's Eligible:

Veterans, including activated Reservists and members of the National Guard, are eligible if they served on active duty in a theater of combat operations after November 11, 1998, and have been discharged under other than dishonorable conditions.

Documentation used to determine service in a theater of Combat Operations:

- Military service documentation that reflects service in a combat theater, or
- Receipt of combat service medals, and/or
- Receipt of combat tax exemption, imminent danger or hostile fire pay

Additional information is available at the nearest VA medical facility. Veterans can also call VA toll-free at 877-222-VETS (8387).

Transition Assistance Program (TAP)

The DoD Transition Assistance Program was designed to aid active military personnel, National Guard members, and family members in a smooth transition to the civilian sector. It's your best chance for success in the next stage of your life. Whether you're retiring, going back to school, or looking for a new career, success requires planning and resources. The TAP program provides an overview of information that helps members make informed choices about benefits, entitlements, and resources. TAP gives members the opportunity to assess career goals, develop Individual Transition Plans, and perfect job search related skills.

Some of the services that we provide in the TAP program include:

Pre-Separation Counseling - This is a mandatory class for anyone separating, Deployed for more 180 days or retiring from the military. Individuals should sign up for this class, 30 days after deployed and at a minimum 12 months before they are about to retire or separate from the from the Air National Guard. Call 775-788-4585 for more information.

3-Day Transition Assistance Seminar - This seminar provides information on Resume Writing, Interviewing, Networking for a Job, Researching Companies, Applying for a Contracting Job, Applying for Federal Service Employment, Online Resumes, Dress for Success, Change Management, Financial Management, Evaluating a Job Offer, an Employers Panel and much, much more.

Veteran's Benefits Briefing - This briefing provides an introduction to the Department of Veterans Affairs, overview of benefits and entitlements and completing your disability claim form.

Individual Transition Plan (ITP) - The key to your successful transition is planning. We're talking about your future and the future of your family.

Transitioning is serious business and requires a carefully thought out Individual Transition Plan (ITP). The ITP is your game plan for a successful transition to civilian life. It is a framework you can use to fulfill realistic career goals based upon your unique skills, knowledge, experience, and abilities.

The 2013 Air Force Community Assessment Survey is here:

"A Strong Community Depends on You" is the theme of the 2013 Air Force Community Assessment Survey. This important survey is sponsored by the Air Force Integrated Delivery System (IDS). Its goal is to make known the opinions and needs of the entire Air Force Community including Active Duty members, Reservists, Air National Guardsmen, their spouses and Air Force Civilian employees.

The survey is scheduled to begin in the month of March. The survey will be completely anonymous -- neither the Air Force, the government, nor the contractor can link any aspect of community members' responses to personal identifiable information. The results will be used by base leadership and the Air Force to target resources where they are most needed, to improve the delivery of community services and to enhance the well-being of community members. Past survey findings have resulted in providing additional services and programs to benefit both service members and families.

Active duty members, Reservists, Air National Guardsmen and appropriated-fund Civilian employees will be invited to complete the survey via email invitations. Postcard invitations will be mailed to spouses inviting them to complete the survey also. Each invitation will include a link to the online survey.

Financial Assistance:

Financial problems are one of the most common sources of stress for Airmen. While trying to balance military and civilian life, Airmen and their families can learn to take control of their finances with the help of these tools:

<http://wingmanproject.org/en/newsletter/17#article-43>

Upcoming Family Programs Event:

* Key Volunteer Meet is held the second Wednesday of each month, at 5:30PM in the Commander Conference room. Hope to see you all there.

*Personal Financial Counseling, 0800 - 1200, every Friday, A&FR Office: 788-4585 for appointments.

*April 20th, 2013, 0900-1130, Resume writing course. A&FR Office.

*April 20th, 2013 0900-1130, Personal Financial Counseling, A&FR Office.

*April 20th /21st, 2013 Fitness and Nutrition expert will be available counseling and tip's from 1300-1700 in the A&FR Office.

*April 21st from 0800-1100, Pre-Separation Counseling for either retiring or separating from the Guard. A&FR Office.

Gilliam from Front Page

"Strong Bonds is one of the biggest tools we have in our suicide prevention program, and the marriages it has saved, the lives it has saved (from suicide) has been a big part of what we do here, and NGB has recognized that," Gilliam said.

Gilliam said he owes much of this award to his command who always believed in everything he did. "I couldn't have done it without the freedom and flexibility the Chaplains office here has allowed me," he added. "The trust they put in me to represent the Chapel has been amazing. Almost anything I've wanted to do for the Chapel, they've been there to help support me anyway they could."

Gilliam said he doesn't know what the next level is after winning an award like this. But, he hopes it leads into something bigger here at the Nevada Air National Guard.

"My trajectory is to get some bars on my shoulders and be a full-blown Chaplain someday," he said. "I hope this honor helps me toward getting into the seminary sooner, so that next year, at this time, I'll be a full-blown Chaplain here."

Gilliam is also hoping this award brings some positive attention to the rest of the 152nd Chapel staff as well. "I also hope this award puts our entire staff on the map with NGB. Our chapel staff has always gone above and beyond what is expected. I think NGB will notice the quality people we have and hopefully recognize them for everything they do as well."

For Gilliam, who has been a Chaplain's Assistant since 2004, said this is the first time he's received any award like this. "It is a new feeling," he added. "I've never won NCO of the year or anything like that. So, to get this, it's kind of like going from 0-60 miles-per-hour in two seconds. It really, really is an honor."



Combat Paper Nevada

The NV Project has partnered with the David J Drakulich Art Foundation: For Freedom of Expression to roll out Combat Paper Nevada, an exciting project that targets military members as they come home from deployment. It is our hope that making paper out of uniforms will be a lively and exciting way to aid reintegration into civilian life, as well as to preserve stories that document the history of our present times.

If you would like to know more information about Combat Paper please check out www.combatpaper.org. If you or someone you know would like to participate in any of the workshops, email Lt. Col. Jo Meacham at jo.r.meacham@gmail.com or Tina Drakulich: tinadrakulich@yahoo.com

May 11-13 2013 Combat Paper Nevada-Returning Troops Workshop: Combat Paper Nevada hosts a Returning Troops Workshop at the Nevada National Guard Military and Family Support Services Center in Reno.

June 7-9 2013 Combat Paper Nevada - Military Women Workshop #1:

The team Combat Paper Nevada will host 3 Women Only Workshop at NNAMHS in Reno. Women who serve (or have served) are welcome to join one or all three.

July 26-28 2013 Combat Paper Nevada - Military Women Workshop #2

The team Combat Paper Nevada will host 3 Women Only Workshop at NNAMHS in Reno. Women who serve (or have served) are welcome to join one or all three.

Drill Menu

SATURDAY, April 20

Lunch

Main Line Only

Roast Turkey

Glazed Ham

Steamed Rice

Mashed Potatoes

Gravy

Green Beans

Corn

Asst. Desserts

SUNDAY, April 21

Lunch

11:00-12:30

Spaghetti W/ Meat Sauce

Lasagna

Broccoli

Carrots

Garlic Bread

Asst. Desserts

IF YOU ARE ACTIVE GUARD RESERVE (AGR), ON ANY KIND OF ORDERS (ANNUAL TRAINING, STATE ACTIVE DUTY, MPA, TITLE 10), OR AN OFFICER YOU MUST PAY.

*Regular Meal Rate \$4.60

2013 Community Assessment Survey

The 2013 Community Assessment Survey is your opportunity to contribute to community action plans at your base, MAJCOM and the Air Force!

You may be one of those chosen to receive an email invitation to participate in a survey concerning your experiences as a member serving in the Air Force. Sharing your experiences and opinions in this survey is voluntary and will help us improve life for families in the Air Force Active Duty, Reserve components and DoD Civilian workforce.



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National Guard News

Air Force Lt. Gen. Stanley E. Clarke officially assumes responsibilities as Air Guard director

JOINT BASE ANDREWS, Md. – Air Force Lt. Gen. Stanley E. Clarke III assumed the duties and responsibilities of director, Air National Guard in a ceremony here today at the Air National Guard Readiness Center.

Clarke took over as director from Air Force Lt. Gen. Harry “Bud” Wyatt, who retired.

A command pilot with more than 4000 hours—including more than 100 combat hours— in the A-10 Thunderbolt II and F-16 Fighting Falcon aircraft, Clarke assumed his current position after serving as commander of 1st Air Force and Continental U.S. North America Aerospace Defense Command.

“The opportunity to watch (Clarke) at 1st Air Force was tremendous for me to learn his great capabilities,” said Army Gen. Frank Grass, chief, National Guard Bureau, during the ceremony.

And because of his background,

Clarke was uniquely positioned and had the right skill set to take on the duties of director, said Grass.

“An Alabama Air Guardsman who served as the assistant adjutant general for air, an A-10 and F-16 pilot who commanded a squadron, wing and expeditionary wing, all of that prepared him for this job and to represent everyone in this building and all those in the Air National Guard across the map in the 54 states, territories and the District of Columbia,” said Grass.

And Clarke has been busy as he settles into his new role.

“There’s a lot to learn,” said Clarke. “But, I’ve hit the ground running and am drinking from the fire hose. I have already been on the hill seven times and testified twice.”

However, he said his new role is a humbling one.

“This is quite an honor and I am

humbled at the opportunity to serve (those in the Air Guard),” said Clarke.

And, as Clarke takes the reins as director, he said he sees tremendous opportunities despite recent budget cutbacks.

“I’ve arrived in a time of budget turmoil and uncertainty, but I view this as a time of opportunity as well,” he said, adding that his focus and commitment is clear.

“My commitment to the (Airmen) and the adjutants general is clear,” he said. “We will do everything within our authority to ensure our Airmen have clear policies, equipment, training and resources to accomplish assigned missions. We remain community based, team oriented and experienced.”

And Clarke is ready to face those challenges, said Grass.

“(He) has stepped up to the challenge,” said Grass. “And I can tell you I’ve already watched him as he’s taken on that challenge.”

Tuition Assistance Program Reinstated

ARLINGTON, Va. - The military tuition assistance program has been reinstated and Army and Air National Guard members who qualify can take advantage of the benefits immediately.

The program was restarted as a result of the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act of 2013, where Congress called for the MTA program to continue in the current fiscal year.

As a result of the restart, the program will resume the same benefits as before. Airmen and Soldiers are eligible for up to \$4,500 per fiscal year and a maximum of \$250 per semester hour or quarter hour equivalent to cover tuition and allowable fees. Military tuition assistance is not available retroactively to cover courses taken and paid for using any other funding source during the suspension of military tuition assistance that occurred March 8 through April 9.

“Military tuition assistance will be the same program (service members) are used to,” said Russell Frasz, the director of Force Development for the Air Force. “The same policies and procedures will be in

place.”

With this change, current and future Airmen and Soldiers will be given another tool to develop professionally through advanced education, Frasz said.

“Voluntary education and military tuition assistance programs continue to be integral to the recruiting, retention and readiness of Airmen and contribute to institutional competencies,” said Kim Yates, the Air Force Voluntary Education chief.

Looking to the future, Frasz notes that they are trying to maintain the balance of the military tuition assistance benefits while also ensuring the force is ready and equipped for operations.

“We are working with senior leaders to develop a way ahead for fiscal year 2014 that takes into account both the value of the (military tuition assistance) program as well maintaining the financial health of the program within funding constraints.”

Soldiers and Airmen should check with their local education office for details and any changes on benefits of the program.

Northern Nevada Veterans Writing Project

Northern Nevada Veterans Writing Project will host several free writing workshops for veterans, service members and gold stars at TMCC's Veterans Upward Bound. The workshops begin May 20th and culminate in a public reading July 13th during Artown 2013.

Mondays from 6pm-8pm

Starting May 20th

TMCC Veterans Upward Bound

5270 Neil Road, room S303

Make a reservation or get additional information

VeteransWritingProjectReno@gmail.com

Hurry! Space is limited!

Recruiting and Retention

We would like to thank the Base Honor Guard members who helped judge the Panther Challenge last month. It was a great success because of those who volunteered for the event. The month of May shows no signs of slowing down in Recruiting with various events in desperate need of your assistance. The Skills USA and Cinco de Mayo are just a few of the events that are coming up. The Cadet Olympics will be held Saturday, April 20th at Reno High School. It's the day of drill. But, if you have time, come and show your support. All Washoe County JROTC's will be at this event showing off their abilities to see which program is the most physically fit.

If you have any questions about any of these events, please contact any of the recruiters below. Thank you for all the continued support. TSgt Muniz (775) 788-4544, TSgt Glynn (775) 788-4546, TSgt Sosa (775) 788-4547

Retention

Hello High Rollers! We wanted to thank all of you who have recently re-enlisted! If you have not received your post-card for a back-pack or duffel bag please stop by the Retention Office to pick your up today! It is the least we can do to thank you for your re-enlistment!

On that note, remember how important your commitment is not only to our country but also our community. They depend on us through the good times and the bad. Your service resounds through our community like a drum in a cave. It is important for you to realize, how long the National Guard has been in place and how many people came before us. And from the bottom of our hearts thank you!

Please note with all the changes taking place in Washington D.C., from sequestration, furloughs and potentially benefits

getting cut, it is imperative that those utilizing the Tuition Waiver and GI Bills, that those programs are safe. These programs are written into law and would literally take an act of congress (in one form or another) to pull them away from us. With organizations like NGAUS and EANGUS having our back, it is no wonder that these programs are required now by law. SO to put away any rumors or misconceptions that the Tuition waiver is gone, no it's not. It is there still for you to use.

Keep on rocking High Rollers and as usual, if you need anything please contact your Unit Career Advisor or myself for any questions concerning any benefit or issues that you may have!

The Base Honor Guard needs help!

Who: The Nevada Air National Guard Honor Guard (Reno Air National Guard Base)

What: NVANG HG needs additional members to ensure a successful mission on average of about 12 missions per month (average 4 persons per mission). Members will ideally come from junior ranks (E-6 and below), but we will accept all ranks to include officers. Retired personnel who will maintain military standards are welcome to join.

Where: The recruits should come from the local region and should be able to meet to do these missions.

When: Missions usually have about 3 weeks' notice.

Why: HG is an excellent opportunity to perform one of the Guard's most important missions! Moreover, the Honor Guard offers a unique leadership opportunity immediately in the career of the member, regardless of rank. Requirements: passing CDCs, passing fitness test, and outstanding Air Force Core Values.

POC: Tech Sgt. Jose Escobar

Hagel eliminates Distinguished Warfare Medal

WASHINGTON -- Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel has eliminated the Distinguished Warfare Medal, DOD officials announced today.

Instead, the military will recognize service members who directly affect combat operations without being present through distinguishing devices that will be affixed to already existing awards.

Soon after being sworn in as defense secretary Feb. 27, 2013, Hagel asked Army Gen. Martin E. Dempsey, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, to lead a review of the medal.

"The Joint Chiefs of Staff, with the concurrence of the service secretaries, have recommended the creation of a new distinguishing device that can be affixed to existing medals to recognize the extraordinary actions of this small number of men and women," Hagel said in a written release.

"I agree with the Joint Chiefs' findings, and have directed the creation of a distinguishing device instead of a separate medal," Hagel said in the release.

Hagel added: "The servicemen and women who operate and support our remotely piloted aircraft, operate in cyber, and others are critical to our military's mission of safeguarding the nation."

The distinguishing devices will serve to recognize these service members' achievements, he said.

The undersecretary of defense for personnel and readiness will develop the award criteria in close coordination with the services and the Joint Staff, officials said.

DOD announced the creation of the Distinguished Warfare Medal Feb. 13, 2013.

"I've always felt that those who performed in an outstanding manner should be recognized," then-Defense Secretary Leon E. Panetta said during a news conference announcing the medal.

"Unfortunately," Panetta added, "medals that they otherwise might be eligible for simply did not recognize that kind of contribution."

Members of veterans' service organizations and others objected to the Distinguished Warfare Medal, officials said. The medal's order of precedence was to be just below the Distinguished Flying Cross and just above the Bronze Star. Some commentators objected that it would rank higher than the Purple Heart -- awarded to those wounded or killed in action.

"When I came into office, concerns were raised to me about the Distinguished Warfare Medal's order of precedence by veterans' organizations, members of Congress and other stakeholders whose views are valued by this department's leadership," Hagel said.

The distinguishing devices can be affixed to awards at different levels, so, once written, the criteria for the awards must reflect that, officials said. For example, the criteria for affixing a device to an Army Commendation Medal would be different than those for a Meritorious Service Medal -- a higher award.

Microsoft Office - Home Use Program and And Antivirus Home Use Program

Microsoft Office 2010 - Home Use Program (updated program code - C2C2151EDF)

The Air National Guard has made an arrangement with Microsoft to provide current Air National Guard members with the ability to purchase Microsoft Office 2010 for personal use.

The cost to members is only \$9.95. If you are interested, please read the information below.

This program for current Air Guard members with a (first.last@ang.af.mil) address only. The program code does not work for (@us.army.mil) addresses.

You are now eligible to participate in Microsoft's Software Assurance Home Use Program (HUP). This program enables you to get a licensed copy of most Microsoft Office desktop Personal Computer applications to install and use on your home computer.

Under the HUP, you and our other employees who are users of qualifying applications at work (e.g. Office Enterprise) may acquire a licensed copy of the corresponding HUP software (e.g. Office Enterprise) to install and use on a home computer. You may continue using HUP software while you are under our employment and as long as the corresponding software you use at work has active Software Assurance coverage.

Please note that some product and language versions may not be available at the time you place an order. For up-to-date information on the availability of HUP software, please visit:

<http://microsoft.com/licensing>

To access the Microsoft HUP Web site:

1. Go to <http://hup.microsoft.com>.
2. Select the country to which you want your order to be shipped to and choose the language for viewing the order Web site.
3. Enter your @ang.af.mil e-mail address and insert the following program code: 6E33E7F141. (Note: This program code is assigned to our organization for our sole use in accessing this site. You may not share this number with anyone outside our organization.)
4. Place your order online, and it will be shipped to the location you have chosen. Please note that a fulfillment fee will be charged to cover packaging, shipping, and

handling costs.

We trust you will enjoy this benefit and look forward to your participation.

Antivirus Home Use Program (AV HUP)

The DoD Antivirus Software License Agreement with McAfee and Symantec allows active DoD employees to utilize the antivirus software for home use. Home use of the antivirus products will not only protect personal PCs, but will also potentially lessen the threat of malicious logic being introduced to the workplace and compromising DoD networks. Contractors are excluded from using the software at home or on any other system not belonging to the DoD.

McAfee Internet Security

As an employee of DISA, you can now take advantage of a free 3-year subscription to McAfee Internet Security for your PC or MAC at no cost to you as the employee. This subscription gives you proactive security for your home PC by preventing malicious attacks and keeping you safe while you surf, search, and download files online. McAfee's security service also continuously delivers the latest software so your protection is never out-of-date. By installing McAfee software on your

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Instructions on how to download your copy of McAfee Internet Security:

1. Navigate to the website for your applicable platform, either PC or MAC, listed below. In addition, enter the associated "Company Code" in the appropriate field on the webpage:

Platform URL Company Code

PC <http://www.mcafee.com/mis/dodDODFDD02C8>

MAC <http://www.mcafee.com/mim/dodDOD97F84AC>

2. Enter Your Corporate Email Address (sample@mail.mil).
3. Click "Get Email". **NOTE: If the site displays an Invalid Email message, please contact the AV/AS mailbox (disa.meade.peo-ma.mbx.av-as@mail.mil) for assistance. **
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Tobacco use leads to disease and disability.

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- Cigarette smoking increases the risk for many types of cancer, including cancers of the lip, oral cavity, pharynx, esophagus, pancreas, larynx (voice box), lung, uterine cervix, urinary bladder, and kidney.
 - For every person who dies from a smoking-related disease, 20 more people suffer with at least one serious illness from smoking.
 - The risk of developing lung cancer is about 23 times higher among men who smoke cigarettes and about 13 times higher among women who smoke cigarettes compared with never smokers.
 - According to the American Cancer Society's second Cancer Prevention Study, female smokers were nearly 13 times as likely to die from COPD as women who had never smoked. Male smokers were nearly 12 times as likely to die from COPD as men who had never smoked. (p. 500)
 - Cigarette smoking approximately doubles a person's risk for stroke.
 - Women who smoke have an increased risk for hip fracture than women who never smoked.
 - Postmenopausal women who smoke have lower bone density than women who never smoked.
 - Smoking causes an estimated 90% of all lung cancer deaths in men and 80% of all lung cancer deaths in women.
 - Smoking causes abdominal aortic aneurysm (i.e., a swelling or weakening of the main artery of the body—the aorta—where it runs through the abdomen).
 - Smoking harms nearly every organ of the body. Smoking causes many diseases and reduces the health of smokers in general.
- Tobacco use is the leading preventable cause of death.***
- Worldwide, tobacco use causes more than 5 million deaths per year, and current trends show that tobacco use will cause more than 8 million deaths annually by 2030.
 - In the United States, smoking is responsible for about one in five deaths annually (i.e., about 443,000 deaths per year, and an estimated 49,000 of these smoking-related deaths are the result of secondhand smoke exposure).
 - More deaths are caused each year by tobacco use than by all deaths from human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), illegal drug use, alcohol use, motor vehicle injuries, suicides, and murders combined.
 - On average, smokers die 13 to 14 years earlier than non-smokers.

Costs and Expenditures

Tobacco use costs the United States billions of dollars each year.

- Cigarette smoking costs more than \$193 billion (i.e., \$97 billion in lost productivity plus \$96 billion in health care expenditures).
 - Secondhand smoke costs more than \$10 billion (i.e., health care expenditures, morbidity, and mortality).
- State spending on tobacco control does not meet CDC-recommended levels.^{7,8}
- Collectively, states have billions of dollars available to

them—from tobacco excise taxes and tobacco industry legal settlements—for preventing and controlling tobacco use. States currently use a very small percentage of these funds for tobacco control programs.

- In 2013, states will collect \$25.7 billion from tobacco taxes and legal settlements, but states are spending less than 2% of the \$25.7 billion on tobacco control programs.
- Investing only about 15% (i.e., \$3.7 billion) of the \$25.7 billion would fund every state tobacco control program at CDC-recommended levels.

Benefits of Quitting

- Smoking harms nearly every organ of the body, causing many diseases and reducing the health of smokers in general.
 - Quitting smoking has immediate as well as long-term benefits, reducing risks for diseases caused by smoking and improving health in general.
 - Smoking causes the following diseases and conditions:
 - abdominal aortic aneurysm
 - acute myeloid leukemia
 - cancer of the bladder, cervix, esophagus, kidney, larynx, lung, mouth, pancreas, stomach, and throat
 - cataract
 - coronary heart and cardiovascular diseases
 - periodontitis
 - pneumonia and chronic lung diseases
 - reproductive effects and sudden infant death syndrome
1. For more information on quitting, call 1-800-QUIT-NOW or visit www.smokefree.gov

Personnel Notes:

SUMMARY OF OVERALL PROCESS TO REQUEST DD FORM 214 (RELEASE FROM ACTIVE DUTY)

1. vMPF allows members to complete DD Form 214 worksheets to capture active duty periods of time.
2. Under the vMPF site, ANG members will be able to request DD Form 214's when they complete 90 consecutive days of active duty or anytime when supporting operations such as OEF, OIF and OND. The member submits the completed worksheet and members of the FSS will receive their request via email. If questions arise during the processing, the member is notified of their rationale via email, sometimes with a request for further information or correction action to be taken by the member. Once all areas are completed within the request FSS will review and submits their requests for finalization. The member can then access the vMPF within 24 hours and print off the completed DD FM 214.

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Las Vegas: What Happens There May Become Historical

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The Nevada Trivia Book (1998) asks the question, "When did Las Vegas get its first post office?" The answer: "In 1892 the U.S. Postal Service opened an office in the then-tiny hamlet of Las Vegas." Actually, the Nevada post office known as Los Vegas--perhaps to distinguish it from Las Vegas, New Mexico Territory--was established on June 24, 1893. The remote post office in the Mojave Desert went by that name until December 9, 1903, according to Nevada Post Offices: An Illustrated History (1983), when its name was changed to Las Vegas. Less than two years later, the town of Las Vegas was founded by the San Pedro, Los Angeles, and Salt Lake Railroad Company.

But, there is more to the story. Las Vegas's first post office went by another name back in August 1, 1855, only eleven years after American explorer John C. Fremont camped in the valley. The post office was named Bringhurst. On June 14, William Bringhurst, at the direction of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day-Saints' President Brigham Young, had established a Mormon colony at Las Vegas--"the meadows" in Spanish--near the Old Spanish Trail. The LDS settlement in western New Mexico Territory, it was hoped, would prosper and serve as a supply point for travelers on the Mormon Trail between Salt Lake City, Utah Territory and Los Angeles, California. While the post office name honored Bringhurst, the name also may have been chosen to distinguish it from the other Las Vegas in eastern New Mexico Territory.

The colony lasted less than two years. The harsh climate, alkaline soil, crop raids by southern Paiutes, internal dissension over lead mining at nearby Mount Potosi, and other matters, doomed the colonization effort. Mormons assigned to the Las Vegas mission were released from their obligation in the spring of 1857. Within two years all had left. The Bringhurst post office, however, was not officially discontinued until September 22, 1860. Others settled in the Las Vegas Valley following the exodus of the Mormons, and the area changed hands from New Mexico Territory to Arizona Territory in 1863 and then to Nevada in 1867, but the numbers and activity did not justify reestablishing a post office until 1893.

In January 2001, a Las Vegas news-

paper columnist proposing the move of the state capital to Las Vegas. So why all the talk about changing the state constitution and moving the capital to Las Vegas? Going back to 1861, Nevada's territorial and state capital has always been Carson City. Surprisingly, only ten states including the Silver State can claim having just one capital during their colonial, territorial and/or statehood periods.

Las Vegas and Clark County's population have grown so fast and so large in the last 20 years, almost two million residents in the metro area, that some people expect Las Vegas legislators to move the capital to southern Nevada. It has been 100 years since a state capital has been relocated in the United States. In 1910, Oklahoma's capital was moved from Guthrie to Oklahoma City. The effort to remove Juneau as Alaska's capital shortly after statehood in 1959 proved abortive. When capitals have been moved, it occurred not long after statehood, and almost always to a city considered more centrally located in the state.

Nevada's Constitution prohibited an appropriation for a state capitol until 1869 in case the capital was moved to a more central location after statehood was conferred in 1864. The capitol building was completed in 1871. However, some legislators still held out for moving the capital. With the completion of the Virginia & Truckee Railroad to Reno in 1872, The Daily Nevada Tribune of January 2, 1875 editorialized, "It is now a foregone conclusion that Carson City will for all time to come be the seat of government of the State of Nevada. The location is by far the best in the state," the Tribune continued, "and as easy of access as any place, now that the railroad runs direct to it." The 1875 legislature approved monies for a fence and landscaping around the capitol after the Tribune complained that it was "a disgrace to the state to let the grounds remain longer in their present condition."

When the last significant efforts were made to move the capital to Winnemucca or Goldfield in the first two decades of the 20th century, the capitol complex in Carson City included only the capitol, printing building, orphan's home, and prison. Today the capital infrastructure in Carson City is composed of scores of buildings, including separate edifices for the supreme court (1937 and 1992) and the legislature (1971 and 1996-7) which were once housed in the capitol. Moreover, thousands of state employees live in and around Carson City.

State capitals just are not moved anymore, whether or not new metro areas emerge, or the existing capital is not central to the state's citizens. Florida's capital located in the state's panhandle, for example, has not moved from Tallahassee, the territorial and state capital since 1823, either to Miami (although much of the state's population is in south Florida over 400 miles away), or, more recently, to booming Orlando in the middle of the state. Texas has not relocated its capital from Austin, the state capital since 1845 and the Republic's capital before statehood, to Dallas or Houston. And our neighbor to the west, California, has kept the capital in Sacramento since 1854 despite the tremendous growth in southern California over the last 100 years.

In major cities like New York City, Chicago, Los Angeles, and Miami that do not serve as capitals, and are not centrally-located like long-standing capitals Denver, Phoenix, and Indianapolis, there are sizeable satellite office complexes. Las Vegas has the Grant Sawyer and Lewis Bradley buildings, and many other structures to meet the state governmental needs of southern Nevadans. Surely, more buildings will be constructed in the 21st century in and around Las Vegas without having to move the capital for the first time in Nevada's history.

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Carson City Airport

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